

Tools to understand AdS_2/CFT_1



**Based on 2004.07849 [Bianchi, GB, Forini, Griguolo, Seminara]
and [Bianchi, GB, Forini, Peveri], [GB, Costa, Forini, Patella]**

Plan for today

(I've left enough time, please interrupt me for questions)

- Prequel: *Current status and motivation for studying AdS_2/CFT_1*
- Part IA : *A concrete example of an $AdS_2/dCFT_1$ correspondence*
- Part IB: *Analytic bootstrap, Witten diagrams & Superspace*
- Part II: *From position space to Mellin Space*
- Part III: *Towards a lattice description of the String worldsheet*



Gauge

AdS₂/CFT₁?

- Universality: $CFT_1 \in CFT_{d \geq 1}$
- Ease: Restricted sector of rich theory
- Large ‘toolbox’: (AdS computations, Bootstrap...)
- Natural interpretation in the language of defects:

Wilson lines & t’Hooft lines

[17 [Giombi, Roiban, Tseytlin](#)]

- Topological quantum mechanics connected to AdS₂ gauge theories.

[17 [Mezei, Pufu, Wang](#)]



Gravity

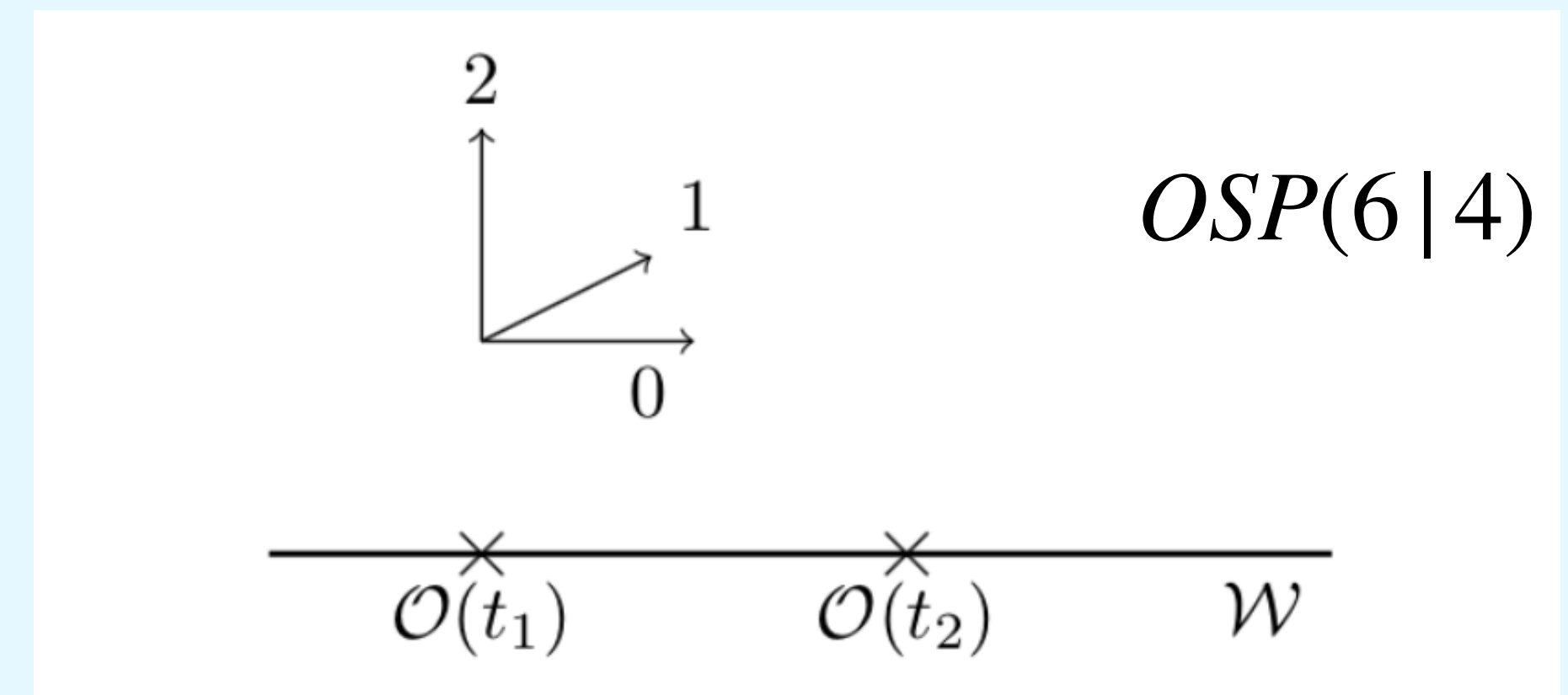
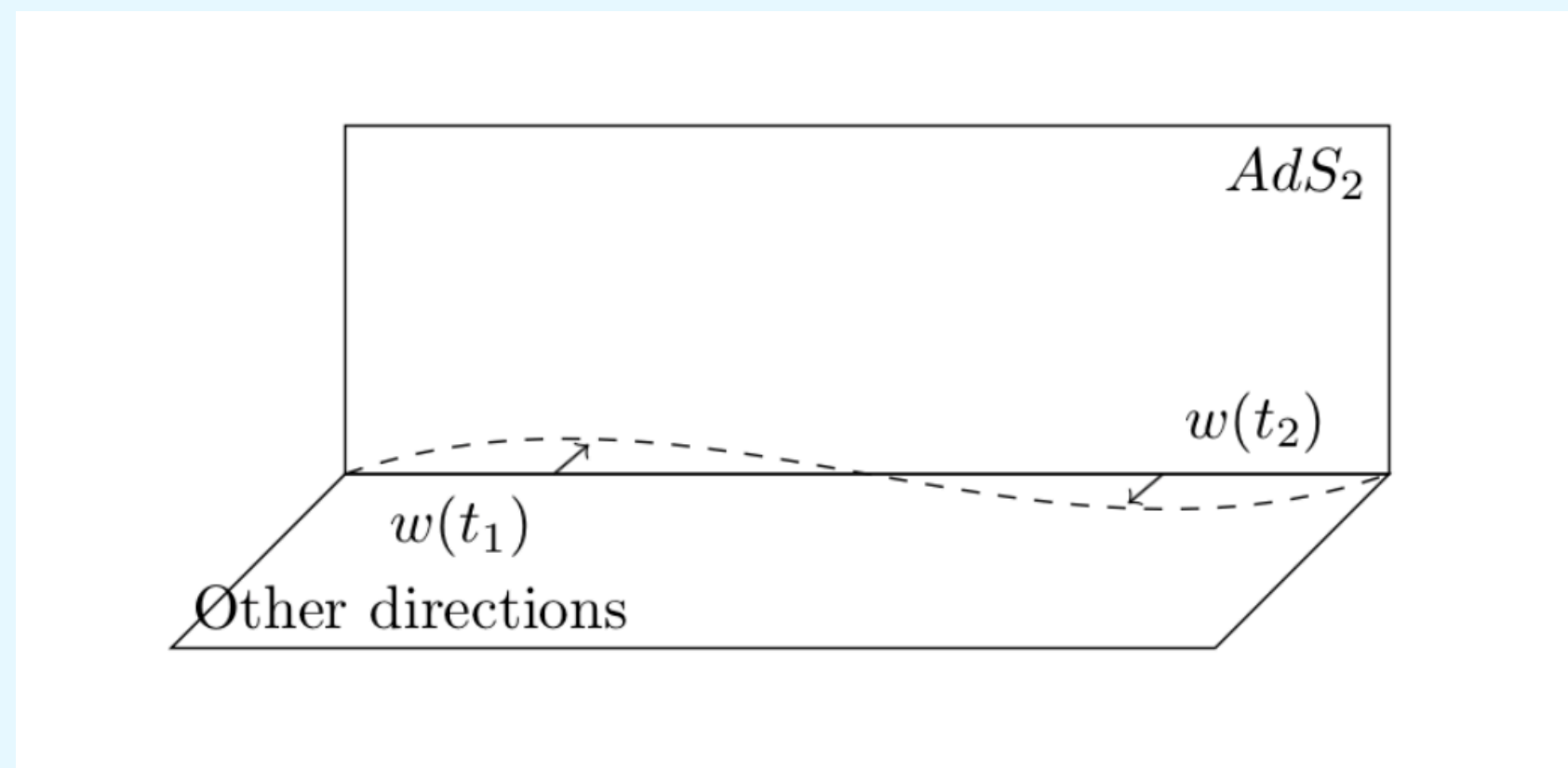
Our Setup

A concrete example of an AdS_2/CFT_1

Type IIA in $AdS_4 \times CP^3$



3D, $N = 6$, CS with matter (ABJM)



$$\langle w(t_1) \dots w(t_n) \rangle = \frac{\mathcal{L}[w(t_1) \dots w(t_n)]}{\mathcal{L}_0}$$



$$\langle \mathcal{O}(t_1) \dots \mathcal{O}(t_n) \rangle_{\mathcal{W}}$$

The 1/2 BPS Wilson Line

Explicitly, the 1/2-BPS Wilson loop operator is realized as the holonomy of a superconnection $\mathcal{L}(t)$ living in $U(N|N)$ [Drukker, Trancanelli 2009] [Cardinali, Griguolo, Martelloni, Seminara, 2012][Lee, Lee, 2010]:

$$\mathcal{W} = \text{Str} \left[P \exp \left(-i \oint dt \mathcal{L}(t) \right) \mathcal{T} \right].$$

The Wilson Line breaks the full symmetry group:

$$OSp(6|4) \rightarrow SU(1,1|3)$$

• Remaining symmetry contains:

$$SU(1,1) \times SU(3) \times U(1)$$

$$[\Delta, j_0, j_1, j_2]$$

• Broken symmetries define operator insertions:

Broken generator	Corresponding Operator insertion
P, \bar{P}	$\mathbb{D}, \bar{\mathbb{D}}$
Q_a, \bar{Q}^a	$\Lambda_a, \bar{\Lambda}^a$
J^a, \bar{J}_a	$\mathbb{O}^a, \bar{\mathbb{O}}_a$

Form a **chiral primary** $(\Phi, \bar{\Phi})$

Computing Quantities for the CFT₁

Weak coupling:

-Perturbation theory

Non-perturbative methods

Strong coupling:

-Bootstrap

What are we computing?

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_1(t_1) \mathcal{O}_2(t_2) \dots \mathcal{O}_n(t_n) \rangle_{\mathcal{W}} \equiv \frac{\langle \text{Tr} \mathcal{P} \left[\mathcal{W}_{t_i, t_1} \mathcal{O}_1(t_1) \mathcal{W}_{t_1, t_2} \dots \mathcal{O}_n(t_n) \mathcal{W}_{t_n, t_f} \right] \rangle}{\langle \mathcal{W} \rangle}$$

CFT is a strong constraint!

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_{\Delta_1}(t_1) \mathcal{O}_{\Delta_2}(t_2) \rangle = \frac{\delta_{\Delta_1, \Delta_2}}{(t_1 - t_2)^{2\Delta}} \quad \langle \mathcal{O}_{\Delta_1}(t_1) \mathcal{O}_{\Delta_2}(t_2) \mathcal{O}_{\Delta_3}(t_3) \mathcal{O}_{\Delta_4}(t_4) \rangle = \frac{1}{F(t_1 \dots t_4)} G(\chi)$$


Reminder:

- Broken symmetries define operator insertions

- Remaining symmetries have $SU(1,1) \times SU(3) \times U(1)$

The bootstrap

- The exchange of identical operators in the 4 point function gives a ‘crossing equation’ which is solved by a set of families of increasing transcendentality: [\[Liendo, Meneghelli, Mitev, 2018\]](#)

$$\langle \mathbb{F}(t_1)\bar{\mathbb{F}}(t_2)\mathbb{F}(t_3)\bar{\mathbb{F}}(t_4) \rangle = \frac{1}{t_{13}t_{24}}\hat{f}(\chi) = \frac{1}{t_{13}t_{24}}\hat{f}(1-\chi)$$


$$f^0 \sim r(\chi(1-\chi)) \quad f^1 \sim r_0(\chi) + r_1(\chi)\log(\chi) + r_1(1-\chi)\log(1-\chi) \quad f^2 \sim Li_2(\chi) + \dots$$

- f^0 matches the free field result, introduce strong coupling parameter ϵ
- Apply the symmetry of the system: Selection rules on the operator product expansion

$$f(\chi) = 1 - \chi + \epsilon(\chi - 1 + \chi(3 - \chi)\log(\chi) + \frac{(1 - \chi)^3}{\chi} \log(1 - \chi)) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$$

Reminder:

- Operator insertions are elements of chiral primary $(\Phi, \bar{\Phi})$ of $SU(1,1|3)$, whose first component is \mathbb{F}

The string worldsheet fluctuations:

$$S_B = T \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{\det \left[\frac{(1 + 1/2 |X|^2)^2}{(1 - 1/2 |X|^2)^2} g_{\mu\nu} + 2 \frac{\partial_\mu X \partial_\nu \bar{X}}{(1 - 1/2 |X|^2)^2} + 4 \left(\frac{\partial_\mu \bar{w}_a \partial_\nu w^a}{1 + |w|^2} - \frac{\partial_\mu \bar{w}_a w^a \bar{w}_b \partial_\nu w^b}{(1 + |w|^2)^2} \right) \right]}$$

$X, \bar{X}, w^a, \bar{w}_a$ are the remaining AdS_4 and $\mathbb{C}P^3$ directions

$$S_B = T \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{g} \left(g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu X \partial_\nu \bar{X} + 2 |X|^2 + g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \bar{w}_a \partial_\nu w^a + L_{int} \right) \quad \begin{array}{ll} w^a \leftrightarrow \mathbb{O}^a & \psi \leftrightarrow \mathbb{F} \\ X \leftrightarrow \mathbb{D} & \psi_a \leftrightarrow \Lambda_a \end{array}$$

$$\langle X(t_1) \bar{X}(t_2) X(t_3) \bar{X}(t_4) \rangle = L(Q_i, \bar{Q}_i) \langle \Phi(t_1) \bar{\Phi}(t_2) \Phi(t_3) \bar{\Phi}(t_4) \rangle = \mathcal{L}[f(\chi)]$$

$$f(\chi) = 1 - \chi + \frac{1}{4\pi T} (\chi - 1 + \chi(3 - \chi) \log(\chi)) + \frac{(1 - \chi)^3}{\chi} \log(1 - \chi) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{T^2}\right)$$

Reminder:

From bootstrap: $f(\chi) = 1 - \chi + \epsilon (\chi - 1 + \chi(3 - \chi) \log(\chi)) + \frac{(1 - \chi)^3}{\chi} \log(1 - \chi) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$

Mellin formalism

- Based on Mellin transform: $M[g](s) = \int dx g(x) x^s$
- Simpler structure linked to physically intuitive quantities such as poles
- Have an interpretation as Scattering amplitudes [og, Mack]
- In higher dimensions, we have :

$$\langle \phi_{\Delta}(\vec{x}_1) \phi_{\Delta}(\vec{x}_2) \phi_{\Delta}(\vec{x}_3) \phi_{\Delta}(\vec{x}_4) \rangle (u, v) = \frac{1}{(x_{12}^2 x_{34}^2)^{\Delta}} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \frac{ds dt}{(2\pi i)^2} u^{-s} v^{-t} M(s, t) \Gamma(s)^2 \Gamma(t)^2 \Gamma(4\Delta - s - t)^2$$

- In one dimension, there is only 1 cross ratio : redundancy of the Mellin description
- Is there a better Mellin description for 1D correlators?

Challenges:

- Non-trivial analytic behaviour
- Conformal integrals are hard
- 1D case is the limiting case of $d > 1$

Conclusion

- AdS₂/CFT₁ gives a playground to explore tools and techniques (Witten diagrams, Superspace computations, bootstrap, Mellin amplitudes, lattice description)

In the first project, we found:

- Two independently computed solutions agreeing (up to the identification $\epsilon \rightarrow \frac{1}{4\pi T}$)
- A perturbative description of **Fermion** 4 point function.
- Provides a first order analysis of the Spectrum ($\gamma_n = -n^2 - n + 2$ in C-C channel)

Other tools for AdS₂/CFT₁ include:

- Mellin amplitudes (Still a need for a non-redundant description)
- Lattice worldsheet description: Monte-Carlo simulations

Thank you!



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